

(b) The estimate was under revision and the revised estimate as finalised amounts to Rs. 2,480 lakhs.

(c) In about five years from now subject to the availability of adequate funds.

(d) A separate P.W.D. circle with three divisions has been set up for speedy completion of the work.

(e) Funds are being allotted every year depending upon the allocation for the State's Annual Plan.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE re: ATROCITIES OF POLICE AND REVENUE AUTHORITIES ON THE VILLAGERS OF MARKHAL.

2-00 P.M.

Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad).—Sir, I call attention of the Hon'ble Home Minister to the atrocities committed by the Police and Revenue Authorities over the villages of Markhal.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—Sir, certain Harijans of Bothgi Village had made a representation dated 29th September 1967 to the Deputy Commissioner, Bidar that their houses situated on the bank of the river Bothgi Village were rendered unsafe during the floods and requested for allotment of some other alternative site for constructing dwelling houses. The Deputy Commissioner, Bidar allotted 10 acres of land (Gairan land) out of 47 acres in Markhal Village. After allotment of the land, some of the Harijans erected houses.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Sir, I rise on a point of order. I am entitled to a copy of Government's statement and I have not been provided with it. When I have moved the motion under, rule 63, it goes without saying that I am entitled to a copy. That is the convention and the practice in this House. If an exception is to be made in my case, I leave it to the Chair whether to protect me or not protect me.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will give my ruling after the statement is read.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is alleged that on 29th October 1967, between 7 and 9 A.M. some of the villagers of Markhal Village formed themselves into an unlawful assembly and armed with deadly weapons went to the place where the Harijans of Bothgi Village had put up houses, forcibly entered the huts and looted properties consisting of silver and gold ornaments, zinc sheets and other household articles and also caused damage to the articles by setting fire. On receipt of a complaint in this behalf, the Chitguppa Police registered a case for an offence under Cr. No. 47/67 under Sections 148, 332, 149, 395 and 427 I.P.C. and took up investigation. In his complaint, the complainant had mentioned names of almost all the male population of the Markhal Village as accused. The villagers of Markhal have been evading coming to the

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village perhaps for this reason. No atrocities have been committed on the villagers of Markhal either by the Police and Revenue authorities or by Congressmen. An armed police party has been kept at the Markhal Village from 30th October 1967.

So far, the police have arrested 23 accused and 33 accused are absconding. A charge-sheet in this case has also been filed in the Court of First Class Magistrate, Humnabad on 8th December 1967 and the matter is subjudice.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will give the Ruling on the Point of Order. Hon'ble member, Sri V. N. Patil, on a matter for calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance, under Rule 63, when the Hon'ble Minister was reading the statement, raised a Point of Order. I asked the member, whether the Point of Order should be heard and decided before the statement was read. He referred to Rule 63 and said under that rule he is entitled to a copy to be given to him. He further said that it is the convention and he also said that if in his particular case the Chair is going to make a deviation, he may not perhaps feel quite happy. I am concerned only with the Point of Order. It proceeds on the footing that under Rule 63 he is entitled to a copy of the statement. The statement is to be made by the Minister and then the House is possessed of it. I do not think there is any rule which require a copy to be given. But, if on some occasions it has been done, it is with a view to facilitate the work in the House or help the members, and it is a matter of convenience which has been done. If the Member were to point out any instance or any rule under which he is entitled, I shall be happy to look into the aspect. Finding that there is no rule, he referred to the convention. I don't think there is any convention that copies are bound to be supplied.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Sir, I was delivered, with great courtesy, with a copy by the Hon'ble Minister now.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I tried to help the House by getting it cyclostyled in my office.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—We only ask for your protection, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The member should not feel that I am making a distinction. The best thing is to allow the matter to rest at that.

MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE MINISTRY

(Leave to introduce)

ಶ. ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ (ಶ್ರವಣಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆಳ್ಳ).—ತಮ್ಮ ಅಪ್ಪಣಿ ಪಡೆದು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಕಂಡ ಸಿಫಯು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಮಂದಿನುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಬೇಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈ ಸಿಫಯು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಇದೆ :

“ ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಈ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಮಂದಿನುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ವರ್ಣನಾಳಿಲ್ಲ ”.